

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant :** Xiao Chen  
**Serial No. :** 09/667,077  
**Filed :** September 21, 2000  
**Atty. No :** 99-463  
**Title :** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A SIMULATON OF  
A WELDING PROCESS USING INTEGRATED MODELS  
**Art Unit :** 2121  
**Examiner :** Crystal J. Barnes

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**AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT****Commissioner of Patents**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated, January 7, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Amended paragraphs and a version of all pending claims and their current status are presented having necessary markings to show any changes made in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

**Amendments to the Claims** – are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2;

**Remarks/Arguments** – begin on page 5 of this paper.